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SUBJECT: PREPCON II: PRELIMINARIES

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1. USDEL KICKED OFF PRE-PREPCON SUNDAY WITH A SERIES OF BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH VENEZUELA, FRANCE, IRAN, INDIA, JAPAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND THE EC.
 2. PREPCON II WILL COMMENCE FORMALLY AT 11:30 A.M. TOMORROW, MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, WITH A SHORT WELCOMING STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR, AMBASSADOR DE GUIRINGAUD. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BREIF REPLY -- ONE ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS BY PEREZ GUERRERO -- AFTER WHICH THE FRENCH DRAFT AGENDA (CABLED REFTEL) WILL BE PROPOSED. SO FAR THE AGENDA APPEARS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO MOST PARTICIPANTS, AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL PROBABLY BE ADOPTED WITHOUT TOO MUCH DEBATE. THE AFTERNOON WILL BEGIN WITH STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AFTER WHICH WE WILL (HOPEFULLY) GET DOWN TO THE SPECIFIC ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.
 3. THE MAJOR ISSUES FOR DEBATE WILL PROBABLY FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING:
 - (A) TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FOUR COMMISSIONS: OUR POSITION HAS BEEN THAT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE PRE-COOKED AT THE PREPCON SO AS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DISCUSSION DURING THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER. HOWEVER, WE FIND THAT MOST OF THE DELEGATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY THE FRENCH, ADHERE TO THE POSITION THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL
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- PREPCON CAN ONLY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MEETING OF MINISTERS AND THAT IT WILL BE FOR THE MINISTERS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE ULTIMATELY ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FOUR COMMISSIONS. AS A COMPROMISE WE PLAN TO PROPOSE AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO RESOLVE THIS QUESTION BETWEEN PREPCON II AND THE MINISTERIAL.
- (B) THE SCOPE OF WORK IN THE FINANCIAL COMMISSIONS:

NOT SURPRISINGLY, WE FOUND A SUBSTANTIAL RANGE OF VIEWS AS TO THE APPROPRIATE MANDATE FOR THE FINANCIAL COMMISSION. WE ANTICIPATE CONTINUED PRESSURE FROM THE SEVEN TO INCREASE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS COMMISSION AND THE SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITIES, AND OUR PLAN IS TO ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE FRENCH CONSENSUS MEMORANDUM THAT CIRCUMSCRIBES THIS COMMISSION.

(C) SITE FOR THE FOUR COMMISSIONS: THE SAUDIS WANT THE COMMISSIONS LOCATED IN GENEVA; THE FRENCH DO NOT. MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS ARE DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE WITH PERHAPS THE WEIGHT OF OPINION COMING DOWN IN FAVOR OF PARIS. WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE IN OUR INTEREST TO SUPPORT THE SAUDI POSITION INITIALLY SINCE THIS WOULD GIVE US BOTH SOME CREDIT WITH THE SAUDIS AND THEIR FRIENDS TO BEGIN WITH AND A BARGAINING CHIP TO CONCEDE TO THE FRENCH LATER ON IF USEFUL.

4. ON BALANCE, WE FEEL THAT THE BROAD CONSENSUS ALREADY DEVELOPED WILL KEEP DEBATE TO A MINIMUM. WE DETECT A REMARKABLE CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE AMONG ALL PARTICIPANTS AS A RESULT OF THE NEW ENVIRONMENT CREATED BY YOUR SPEECH TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, THE THRUST OF WHICH OUR WILLINGNESS TO RENEW THE DIALOGUE NOW CONFIRMS.
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